



City of Seat Pleasant

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Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene W. Grant to speak at Smart City, Connected Region Initiative *Greater Washington Board of Trade Invites Mayor Grant to provide insight on smart cities*

Seat Pleasant, MD (May 1st) – The Greater Washington Board of Trade has invited Seat Pleasant: “*A Smart City of Excellence*” Mayor Eugene W. Grant, a leader in smart city initiatives, to speak at the Greater Washington Board of Trade New Smart Cities, Connected Region Initiatives at the Verizon Innovative Center on Wednesday, May 1.

This session will begin a multi-year program that will create, explore, evaluate, and deploy ‘smart cities’ concepts, principles and technologies across our region. It will also identify emerging technologies, new business models and processes, changing demographics, rapid innovation and many other disruptions that will continue transforming everything we do.

The full day session will be a participative experience where attendees will hear from a wide range of industries and businesses that will define smart cities pertaining to our region, identify critical tensions that might exist with the ‘smart cities’ definition, understand ‘smart cities’ lessons learned and best practices, and create a framework for moving ‘smart cities’ forward.

“I am thrilled to offer my insight on smart cities and how cities and their residents can benefit from a digital transformation,” stated Mayor Eugene W. Grant.

Since 2004 Mayor Grant has been leading the City of Seat Pleasant, MD, “*A Smart City of Excellence*” through successful innovative methods and providing executive municipal leadership. Mayor Grant began a relationship with IBM in 2017 signing an agreement to build a \$30 million cloud based, Intelligent Operations Center in the City of Seat Pleasant, “*A Smart City of Excellence*”. This multi-year endeavor will elevate Seat Pleasant to become the FIRST authentic small Smart City in the world.

About Seat Pleasant

Founded in 1931, the city of Seat Pleasant is a small bedroom community west of Washington, DC in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Its government is balanced with a Mayor and Seven Councilmembers. Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence is committed to finding ways to deliver services effectively and efficiently and provide meaningful and innovative methods to

engage our citizenry. The City of Seat Pleasant is the first Smart City in the state of Maryland offering Smart City services that are better, faster, and personalized making it a “City for Me” using information and communication technology, with the internet of things.

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